

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

Claim 4 has been rewritten to correct a mistake made in the previous response dated 10/4/2007, in which the claim had been rewritten in independent form but as if it had previously been dependent from claim 1 rather than claim 2. The above correction cures the antecedent basis defect identified by the Examiner.

The Examiner rejected claim 5 under 102(a) as being anticipated by JP 2003/086621 (Yoshihiko). Applicant submits that, as currently amended, claim 5 is not anticipated by Yoshihiko.

Claim 5 has been rewritten to make it clear that the distance between the first intermediate bond and the second bond is smaller than the distance between the first ball bond and the second bond (see Figure 3C in the specification of the present application). The bonds taught by Yoshihiko do not satisfy this requirement. For Claim 5 to read on the device taught in Yoshihiko, bond 5 must be the first ball bond, and bond 6 must be the first intermediate bond. Hence, bond 7 must be the second bond required by the claim. The arrangement shown in Yoshihiko does not satisfy the limitations of Claim 5, as now amended. Hence, Applicant submits that Yoshihiko does not anticipate claim 5.

The Examiner rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshihiko. Applicant submits that, as currently amended, claim 4 is not obvious in view of Yoshihiko.

Claim 4 now depends from claim 2, which has been allowed. Hence, Applicant submits that claim 4 is not obvious in view of Yoshihiko.

Respectfully Submitted,

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